(ख) उपभोक्ताओं के बीच कच्चे रेशम के वितरणार्थ किस प्रणाली को अपनाया गया तथा इससे लाभान्वित होने वाले व्यक्तियों का ब्योरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार को वितरण-प्रणाली के संबंध में कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है; और

(घ) उन शिकायतों को दूर करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम): (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय रेशम बोर्ड उपभोक्ता को किसी देशी रेशम का आवंटन नहीं करता है क्योंकि ऐसा रेशम मुक्त-बाजार-वस्तु है। फिर भी देश में रेशम की कमी/कीमतों में असाधारण वृद्धि जैसी विशेष हालत में आवश्यक होने पर, कीमत स्थिरीकरण के अन्तर्गत वितरण के लिए केन्द्रीय रेशम बोर्ड (सी एस बी) को कच्चे रेशम के आयात की अनुमति दी जाती है। इस स्कीम के अन्तर्गत, सी एस बी ने अब तक 1987-88 तथा 1988-89 के दौरान चीन से 36 मी० टन कच्चे रेशम का आयात किया है। इसमें से वाराणसी के बुनकरों सहित उत्तर प्रदेश के बुनकरों को वितरण के लिए 18.9 मी० टन की मात्रा निम्नलिखित एजेन्सियों को आवंटित की गयी है। उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य हथकरघा निगम आल इण्डिया हैंडलूम फैब्रिक कोआपरेटिव मार्केटिंग सोसाइटी लि०, राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा विकास निगम।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Smuggling of Rare Diamond

2520. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned Rare diamond smuggled' which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' (Delhi Edition) dated the 28th February, 1989; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the smuggling of such rare diamond in that part of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Customs authorities at the international airports and seaports have been alerted about the possible attempts of smuggling of such rare diamonds and have been directed to remain vigilant.

Losses incurred by the Orissa Textile Mill

2521. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa textile mill at Choudwar in Orissa is running at a loss;

(b) if so, the year since when that textile mill is incurring losses;

(c) the extent of losses incurred by the mill since then; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the performance of that mill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Government do not maintain profit and loss accounts of individual mills.

(d) The State Government have constituted a Committee to suggest measures to arrest cash losses.

Identity Cards for People in Border Villages of Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Ferozepur

2522. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have directed the Punjab Government to issue identity cards to the

people living in the border villages of Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Ferozepur;

(b) if so, by when the People living in these districts will be issued the identity cards; and

(c) to what extent the terrorist movement will be curbed by issuing identity cards in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Pilot scheme for the issue of identity cards to persons living in border areas includes the border villages of Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Ferozepur also.

(b) The schedule of implementation of the scheme is yet to be prepared by the Govt. of Punjab.

(c) The efficacy of the scheme will be known only after its implementation.

Proposal received from various States for External Assistance

2523. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Economic Affairs had invited proposa'ls from different states for external assistance from Japan with special OECF loan;

(b) if so, the projects for which proposals has been received from different states in the last two years in response to the said proposal;

(c) whether Government of Orissa has submitted any project proposal for external assistance from Japan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken to provide necessary help to implement that project in Orissa?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following project proposals were received from different states for special OECF loan during the last two years:—

1. Fibre Optical Communication (Punjab)

2. Renovation and Modernisation of Electrical Equipment for 4x110 MW Thermal Units at GNDTP Bhatinda (Punjab).

3. Renovation of Thermal Power Station (Unit No. 5) or Durgapur Projects Ltd. (W. Bengal).

4. Modernisation of Ferro-Chrome Plant of Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Ltd. (IDCOL) (Orissa).

5. Modernisation of Mysore Electrical Industies Ltd. (Karnataka)

6. Modernisation of Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. (Karnataka).

7 Modernisation of Mysore Lamps Ltd. Bangalore (Karnataka).

8. Modernisation of Kerala Automobiles Limited (Kerala).

9. Modernisation of Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd (Kerala).

10. Keltron Controls Ltd. (Kerala).

11. Keltron Crystals Ltd. (Kerala).

12. Transformers and Electricals Kerala Limited (Kerala).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following projects of the Government of Orissa are already being financed with OECF loan assistance from Japan:—

(1) Hirakud Hydro Electric Project (7th Unit 1x37.5 MW).

(2) Upper Indravati Irrigation Project.

(3) Upper Kolab Irrigation Project.

The Government of Orissa have also proposed (i) the Installation of Solar